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ABSTRACT

Information on the growth of student enrollment in the University of Nevada System (UNS), representing all of Nevada's public higher education, is presented. While the national higher education growth rate was only 1% from 1980 to 1985, Nevada showed a growth rate of 28.9% from 1981 to 1987. System statistics indicate a growth in part-time student enrollment, full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment, and female enrollment. In 1987, UNS served 53,187 students, with community colleges serving 28,785 students and the universities serving 24,402 students. There were 24,532 FTE students in the system with 8,442 FTE in community colleges and 16,090 FTE in the universities. Statistics indicate 90% of community college students are part-time, 51% of university students are part-time, and 71% of system students are part-time. The average age of UNS students is 27 years (25 for full-time and 30 for part-time students). In the fall of 1986, 84% of all students were white and 16% were minority. The 1987 statistics show 57% of UNS students are female. Other statistics indicate 51% of the full-time students are male, and 59% of the part-time students are female. Projections and trend analysis are discussed. Numerous tables, graphs, and statistics are included. (SM)

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM
ENROLLMENT REPORT
Fall 1987

The University of Nevada System, representing all public higher education in the state, has experienced growth in student enrollment for the third year in a row. The System is currently serving 53,187 students, the largest number in its history. The growth from nearly 50,000 students in the fall semester of 1986 to the current 53,187 students represents a one-year growth rate of 6.4%, and a growth rate of 28.9% over the period from 1981 to 1987. This growth in enrollment in higher education in Nevada is in contrast to a national rate of growth of only 1% from 1980 to 1985, and a projection of a nearly 1% decline in national enrollment from fall 1986 to fall 1987.

In addition to growth of headcount enrollment, the System continues to see growth in full-time equivalent student enrollment, growth in part-time student enrollment, and growth in female enrollment. These trends and others are highlighted on the following pages.

Fall 1987 Enrollment Highlights

Growth

- The University of Nevada System (UNS) is currently serving 53,187 students. This represents a growth in headcount enrollment of 6.4% from fall 1986 to fall 1987; and a growth of 28.9% from fall 1981 to fall 1987.

- The community colleges of the UNS currently serve 28,785 students, an increase of 7% from fall 1986; and an increase of 36.4% from fall 1981.

- The universities currently serve 24,402 students, an increase of 5.7% from fall 1986, and an increase of 21.1% from fall 1981.

- The System currently enrolls 24,532 full-time equivalent (FTE) students, an increase of 7.7% from fall 1986, and an increase of 19.4% from fall 1981.

- The community colleges enroll 8,442 FTE students, an increase of 7.6% from fall 1986, and an increase of 24.6% from fall 1981.

- The universities currently enroll 16,090 FTE students, an increase of 7.8% from fall 1986, and an increase of 16.9% from fall 1981.

Composition of the 1987 Student Body

- 71% of System students are part-time students
  51% of university students are part-time students
  90% of community college students are part-time students

- Systemwide part-time students have grown from 67% in 1981 to 71% in 1987. Over the same period of time, they have grown from 48% to 51% at the universities and from 87% to 90% at the community colleges.

- The average age of a student enrolled in the UNS is 27 years. 32% of students enrolled are in the 22 - 29 year age group, and 56% are between the ages of 22 - 39 years.

- The average age of a full-time student enrolled in the UNS is 25 years. 35% of full-time students are in the 18 - 21 year age group, and 68% are between the ages of 18 - 29 years.

- The average age of a part-time student enrolled in the UNS is 30 years. 31% of part-time students are in the 22 - 29 year age group, and 58% are between the ages of 22 - 39 years.

- 84% of the fall 1986 students were white.
  16% were minority students.

- 57% of the UNS students enrolled during fall 1987 are female.
  In 1981, 53% of the students were female.

- 51% of the full-time students are male.
  59% of the part-time student are female.

Projections/Trend Analysis

- In the "University of Nevada System Planning Report, 1987-91" headcount enrollment for 1987 was projected to be 52,273, our actual enrollment (53,187) exceed this projection by 1.7%. FTE enrollment was projected at 23,480; our actual enrollment (24,532) exceeded this projection by 4.5%.

- Between 1984 and 1985, FTE enrollment gained 2.4%; between 1985 and 1986, 4.2%; and between 1986 and 1987, 7.7%. FTE enrollment gains have almost doubled each year for the last three years.

- For the first time in the last three years, FTE enrollment has grown at a faster rate (7.7%) than headcount enrollment (6.4%). Over the previous two years, FTE growth has generally been at about one-half the rate of headcount enrollment.

- Approximately 8,800 students graduated from Nevada high schools in 1987. This is less than the approximately 9,000 students projected to graduate in 1987. In spite of this, fall enrollments in higher education exceeded predicted enrollments. The age analysis of the 1987 student body verifies the System's success in attracting older non-traditional students as well as the traditional college-going age group.

TABLE 1

University of Nevada System
Student Headcount Enrollments, Fall 1981-1987*

	Fall 1981	Fall 1982	Fall 1983	Fall 1984	Fall 1985	Fall 1986	Fall 1987	1981-1987 % Change
Universities[1]								
UNR	9,601	9,988	10,334	10,420	9,817	10,245	10,624	10.7
UNLV	10,544	11,452	11,085	10,988	12,008	12,846	13,778	30.7
University Sub-total	20,145	21,440	21,419	21,408	21,825	23,091	24,402	21.1
Community Colleges[2]								
CCCC	8,995	10,077	9,704	9,821	11,096	13,000	14,211	58.0
NNCC	1,617	1,738	1,566	1,538	2,000	2,018	2,079	28.6
TMCC	7,673	8,248	8,387	7,555	7,429	7,946	8,483	10.6
WNCC	2,825	2,543	2,992	3,253	3,381	3,944	4,012	42.0
Community College Sub-total	21,110	22,606	22,649	22,167	23,906	26,908	28,785	36.4
SYSTEM TOTAL	41,255	44,046	44,068	43,575	45,731	49,999	53,187	28.9

*Figures may not total due to rounding.
[1]Data reported from Registrars' First Reports.
[2]Data reported as of 10/15.

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HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT
Fall 1981 to 1987

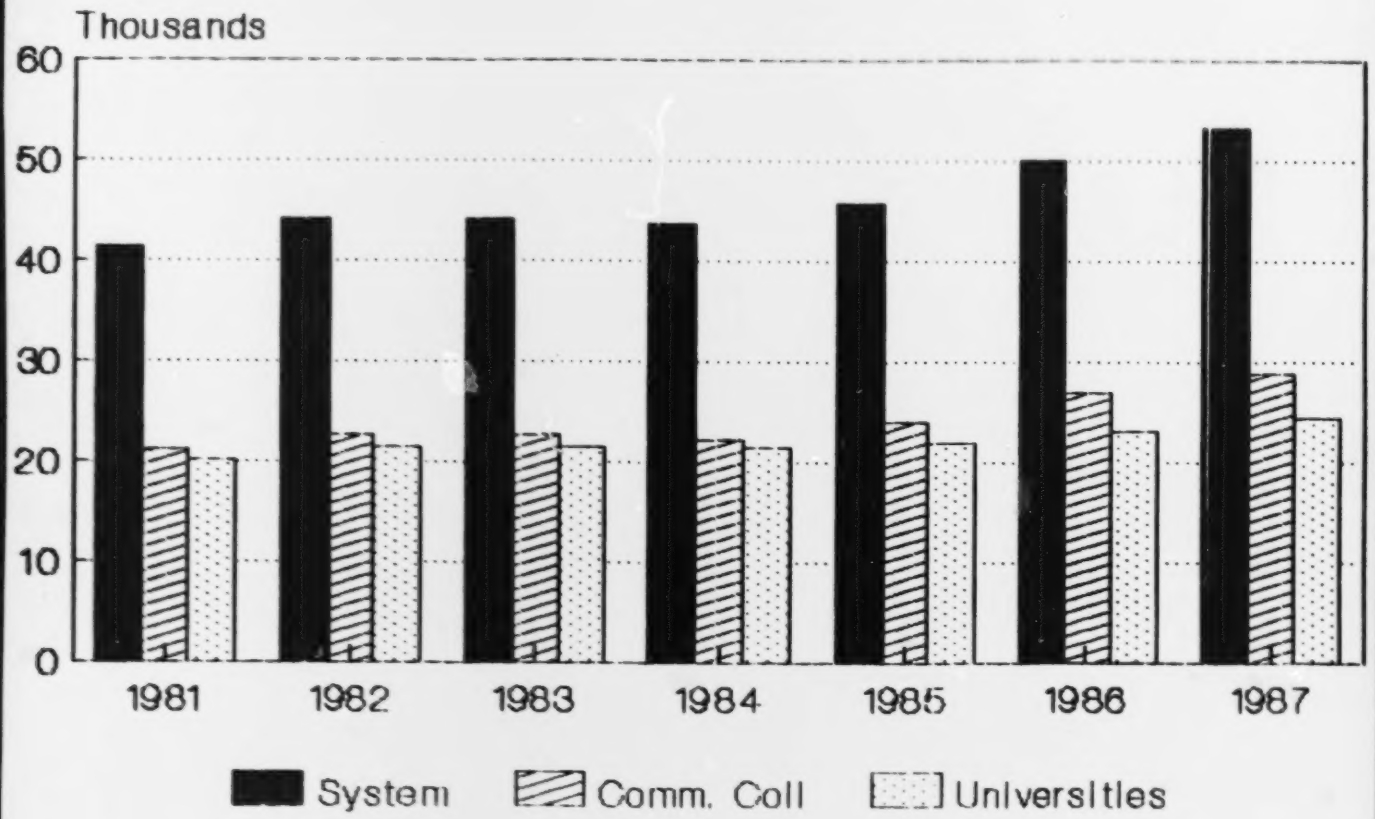

TABLE 2

University of Nevada System
Student FTE Enrollments, Fall 1981-1987*

	Fall 1981	Fall 1982	Fall 1983	Fall 1984	Fall 1985	Fall 1986	Fall 1987	1981-87 % Change
Universities[1]								
UNR	7,055	7,178	7,185	7,207	7,068	7,159	7,497	6.3
UNLV	6,712	7,295	7,200	6,958	7,381	7,773	8,593	28.0
University Sub-total	13,767	14,473	14,385	14,165	14,449	14,932	16,090	16.9
Community Colleges[2]								
CCCC	3,329	3,858	3,513	3,470	3,550	3,692	4,179	25.5
NNCC	394	424	427	401	463	466	474	20.3
TMCC	2,195	2,481	2,522	2,296	2,387	2,566	2,627	19.7
WNCC	858	920	956	999	1,007	1,125	1,162	35.4
Community Colleges Sub-total	6,776	7,683	7,418	7,166	7,407	7,849	8,442	24.6
SYSTEM TOTAL	20,543	22,156	21,803	21,331	21,856	22,781	24,532	19.4

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STUDENT FTE ENROLLMENT
Fall 1981 to 1987

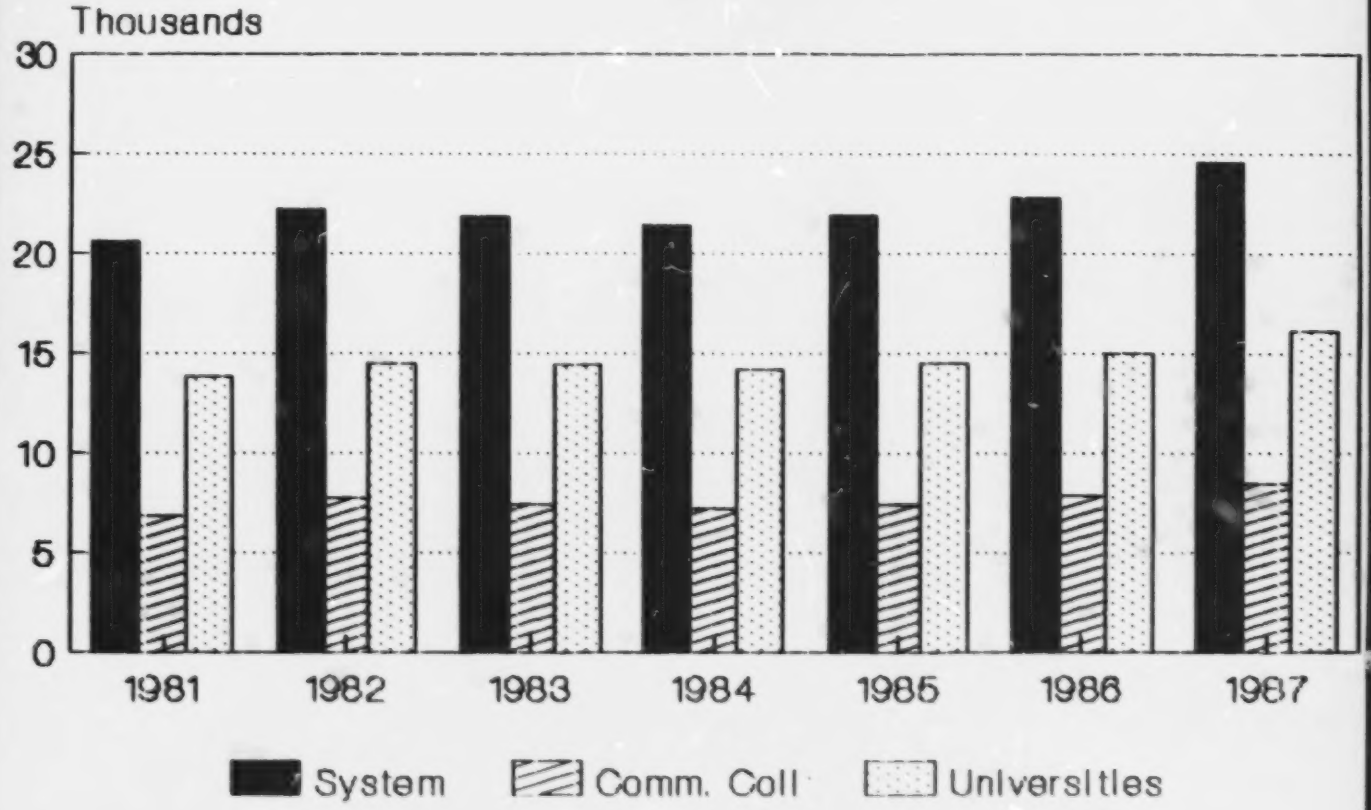

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TABLE 3

University of Nevada System
Enrollment Trends - Full-Time/Part-Time[1]

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Universities							
Full-time	52%	41%	52%	52%	50%	48%	49%
Part-time	48	59	48	48	50	52	51
Community Colleges							
Full-time	13	12	12	11	15	8	10
Part-time	87	88	88	89	85	92	90
Systemwide							
Full-time	33	26	31	31	32	27	29
Part-time	67	74	69	69	68	73	71

[1]Full-time students are defined as those students whose academic load is at least 75% of the institution's normal full-time load.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Statistics, "Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities," 19 1-87.

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TABLE 4

University of Nevada System
Student Age*

Age	Full-Time Students	Part-Time Students	All Students
Under 18	1%	1%	1%
18 - 21	35%	17%	22%
22 - 29	33%	31%	31%
30 - 39	19%	27%	25%
40 - 49	8%	13%	11%
50 +	5%	8%	7%

*Figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Center for Statistics, "Fall Enrollment" 1987.

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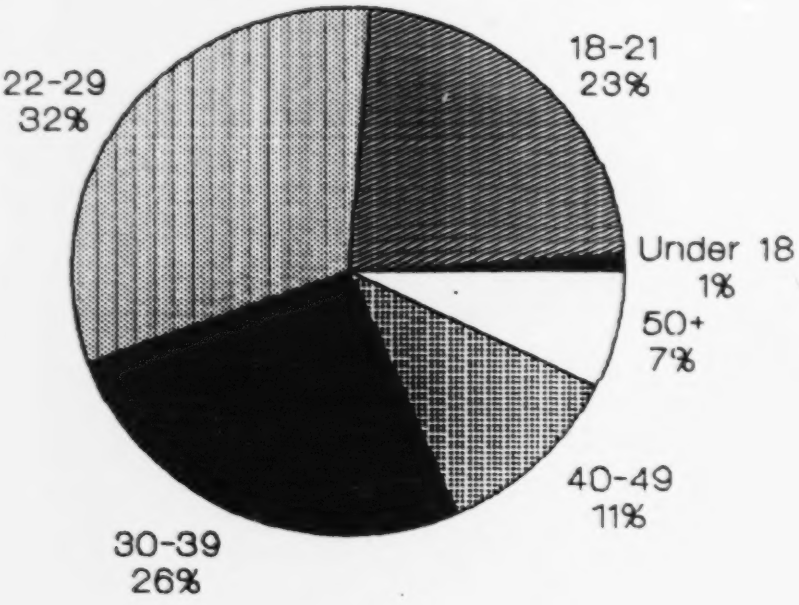
STUDENT AGE*



*Fall 1987 headcount enrollment.
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TABLE 5

Systemwide Enrollment
Percent by Gender and Racial-Ethnic Designation[1]
1981 - 1987

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Male	47%	47%	46%	50%	45%	45%	43%
Female	53	53	54	50	55	55	57
Non-resident/ Alien		1.1		1.3		1.3	
Black		4.3		3.9		3.9	
American Indian		1.2		2.7		1.7	
Asian		2.3		2.4		2.7	
Hispanic		2.9		3.0		4.2	
White		88.2		87.0		84.0	

[1]Figures may not total to 100% due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Statistics, "Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities," 1981-86, and "Fall Enrollment" 1987.

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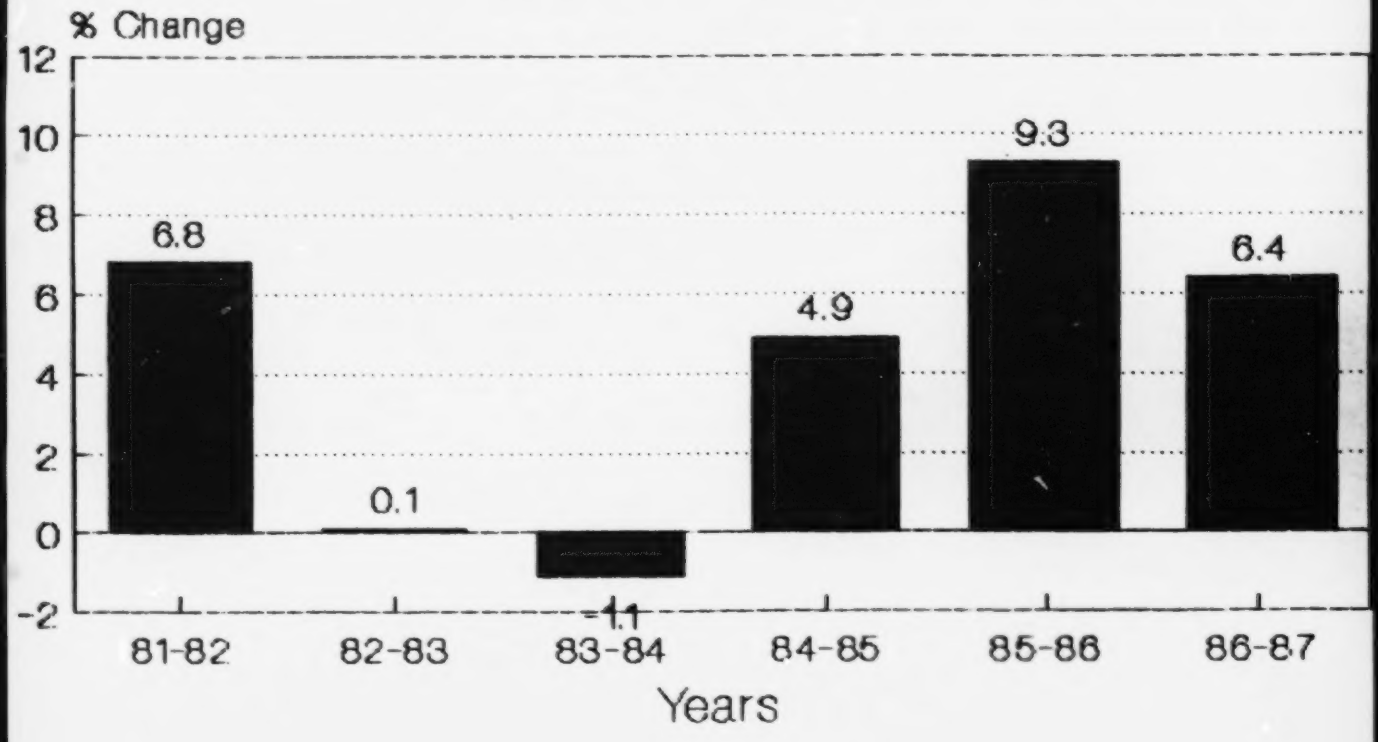
Fall 1981 to 1987



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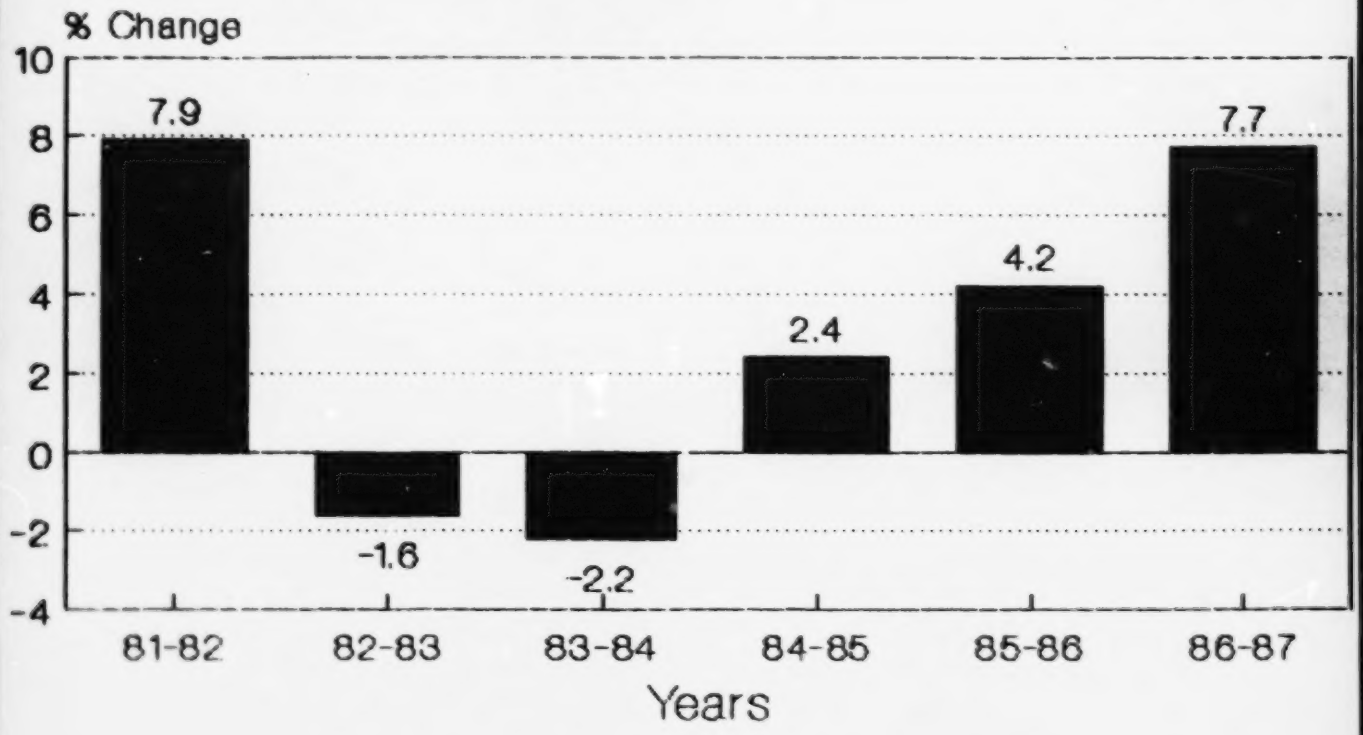
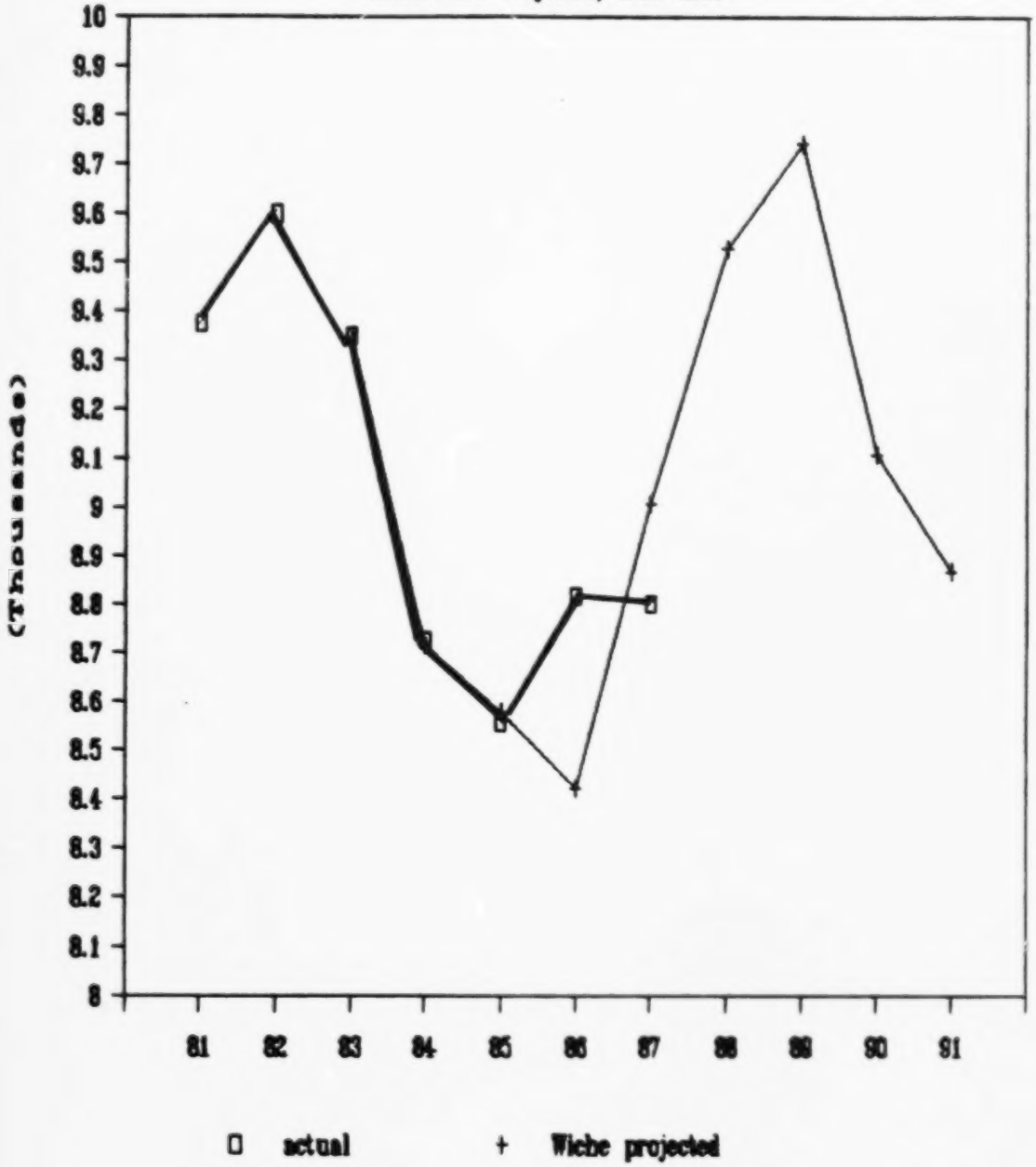


Nevada High School Graduates

Actual and Projected, 1980-1991



Source: WICHE Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and the College Board, January 1984

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University of Nevada System*
STUDENT FTE ENROLLMENT
Fall Semester 1987

Universities[1]	Fall 1986	Fall 1987	% Change
UNR			
Lower Division	3,026	3,107	2.7
Upper Division	1,694	1,804	6.5
Graduate	720	915	27.0
Sub-total	5,440	5,826	7.1
Engineering Related Programs	1,433	1,389	- 3.1
Undergraduate	1,176	1,123	- 4.5
Graduate	257	266	3.5
Nursing	94	94	-0-
Undergraduate	82	81	- 1.2
Graduate	12	13	8.3
Medical School	192	188	- 2.1
Undergraduate	192	188	- 2.1
Graduate	-	-	-
Sub-total	1,719	1,671	- 2.8
TOTAL Undergraduate	6,169	6,303	2.2
TOTAL Graduate	990	1,194	20.6
TOTAL FTE ENROLLMENT	7,159	7,497	4.7
UNLV			
Lower Division	3,915	4,387	12.1
Upper Division	1,813	2,001	10.4
Graduate	791	815	3.0
Sub-total	6,519	7,203	10.5
Engineering Related	1,067	1,202	12.7
Undergraduate	1,011	1,143	13.1
Graduate	56	59	5.4
Nursing	126	119	- 5.6
Undergraduate	117	105	-10.3
Graduate	9	14	55.6
Radiology	61	69	13.1
Subtotal	1,254	1,390	10.8
TOTAL Undergraduate	6,917	7,705	11.4
TOTAL Graduate	856	888	3.7
TOTAL FTE ENROLLMENT	7,773	8,593	10.5
Community Colleges[2]			
CCCC			
Regular Programs	2,523	2,808	11.3
Vocational/Pre-Engineering	960	977	1.8
Rural	151	317	109.9
Dental Hygiene	30	30	-0-
Nursing	28	47	67.8
TOTAL	3,692	4,179	13.2
WNCC			
Regular Programs	311	307	- 1.3
Rural	135	147	8.9
Nursing	20	20	-0-
TOTAL	466	474	1.7
TMCC			
Regular Programs	1,977	2,044	3.4
Vocational/Pre-Engineering	482	485	1.0
Dental Assistant	19	14	-26.3
Nursing	77	71	- 7.8
Radiological Technician	11	13	18.2
TOTAL	2,566	2,627	2.4
WNCC			
Regular Programs	390	374	- 4.1
Vocational/Pre-Engineering	351	373	6.3
Rural	352	377	7.1
Nursing	32	43	34.4
TOTAL	1,125	1,162	3.3
SYSTEM TOTAL	22,781	24,532	7.7

*Figures may not total due to rounding.

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[2]Fall data reported as of 10/15.

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STUDENT HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT
Fall Semester 1987

Universities[1]	Fall 1986	Fall 1987	% Change
UNR			
Lower Division	3,505	3,694	5.4
Upper Division	3,365	3,381	0.5
Graduate	2,055	2,179	6.0
Non-Degree	616	618	0.3
Auditor	72	75	4.2
Sub-total (State Supported)	9,613	9,947	3.5
Continuing Education	632	677	7.1
TOTAL	10,245	10,624	3.7
UNLV			
Lower Division	5,107	5,760	12.8
Upper Division	3,935	4,278	8.7
Graduate	796	1,835	130.5
Non-Degree	2,884	1,884	-34.7
Auditor	0	0	-0-
Sub-total (State Supported)	12,722	13,757	8.1
Continuing Education	124	21	-83.1
TOTAL	12,846	13,778	7.3
Community Colleges[2]			
CCCC			
State Supported	11,763	12,677	7.8
Other	1,237	1,534	24.0
TOTAL	13,000	14,211	9.3
NNCC			
State Supported	1,764	1,973	11.8
Other	254	106	-58.3
TOTAL	2,018	2,079	3.0
TMCC			
State Supported	7,390	7,889	6.8
Other	556	594	6.8
TOTAL	7,946	8,483	6.8
WNCC			
State Supported	3,898	3,916	0.5
Other	46	96	108.7
TOTAL	3,944	4,012	1.7
COMMUNITY COLLEGES			
State Supported	24,815	26,455	6.6
TOTAL	26,908	28,785	7.0
SYSTEM			
State Supported	47,150	50,159	6.4
TOTAL	49,999	53,187	6.4

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University of Nevada System
NET SUMMER SESSION HEADCOUNT
SUMMER 1987

	Summer 1986	Summer 1987	% Change
UNR	4,079	4,403	7.9
UNLV	3,896	4,169	7.0
CCCC	2,093	1,530	- 26.9
NNCC	231	254	10.0
TMCC	800	1,030	28.8
WNCC	332	404	21.7
SYSTEM	11,431	11,790	3.1

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